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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT HIJACKER

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1. SUMMARY: GOY IS CONSIDERING EMBASSY REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN RETURNING SHEFFIELD TO UNITED STATES UNDER ESCORT AS OUTLINED REF B. SHEFFIELD, HOWEVER, HAS ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO RETURN. END SUMMARY

2. EMBOFF ORALLY PRESENTED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS TO FSFA CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPT OFFICIAL MAY 5. OFFICIAL PROMISED REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FIRST REACTION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT EXTRADITION MAY BE REQUIRED.
(COMMENT: GOY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARE THAT SHEFFIELD FACES CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNLESS SHEFFIELD TOLD THEM.)

3. EMBOFF LATER VISITED SHEFFIELD IN PRISON. EMBOFF FIRST ASKED IF SHEFFIELD DESIRED TO RETURN TO US. SHEFFIELD SAID HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO RETURN. HE SAID HE HAD REQUESTED REPATRIATION AND PASSPORT FROM EMBASSY ON APRIL 25 ONLY ON INSTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAV IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SAY IN YUGOSLAVIA UPON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE MAY 12. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RETURN TO CUBA,
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WHOSE EMBASSY HAD HAD CONTACTED TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE BEFORE

HE CAME TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

4. EMBOFF ADVISED HIM OF ARREST WARRANT, WHICH HE HAD
FIRST LEARNED OF ABOUT 2 YEARS AGO WHEN HE HAD TELEPHONED HIS
SISTER. EMBOFF ALSO ADVISED HIM THAT HE COULD NOT BE ISSUED A
U.S. PASSPORT.

5. COMMENT: PENDING GOY REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMAL ASSIS-
TANCE, DEPT IS REQUESTED TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF EXTRADITION.
INTERESTED AGENCIES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT MAY 9 IS YUGOSLAV
HOLIDY AND GOVT OFFICES WILL EFFECTIVELY BE CLOSED AROUND NOON MAY

8. UNDER PRESENT SENTENCE SHEFFIELD WILL BE RELEASED MAY 12.

RE PARA ONE REFTEL B SHEFFIELD WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE
EXPelled OR DEPORTED TO U.S.
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